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WORK TO BEGIN ON NORTHRIDGE/400 INTERCHANGE PROJECT

ATLANTA - The Georgia Department of Transportation announces the start of an improvement project on the Northridge Road Interchange at State Route 400. Crews plan to begin getting barrels ready to be placed for a shoulder closure in both directions on State Route 400 and for lane closures on top of the Northridge Road bridge this week.

The right shoulder in both directions will be closed on SR 400 beginning Wednesday night (10/23) and two lanes along the north side of the bridge will be closed during the week of October 27th. Traffic will be shifted on the bridge and backups are expected. Pedestrians will have access across the bridge along the south side of the bridge for the first year of construction.

During the first year, the contractor will be tearing down the north side of the bridge and replacing it. Then, traffic will be shifted to the north and they will repeat the process for the south side of the bridge until

completion. Once the work begins on the south side, in about a year, there will be no pedestrian access across the bridge until the project is complete. GDOT is working with Sandy Springs, MARTA and the schools in the area to accommodate the few pedestrians that traverse the bridge regularly.

Much of the work will be done during the day but some night work will be necessary during construction.

“This is a much needed project for this area,” said GDOT District Engineer Rachel Brown. “We know that getting through the construction will be tedious, and at some times frustrating, but I believe that the residents in the area and the motorists who travel through here regularly will be pleased with the results when we are finished.”

The Northridge Interchange project will provide capacity and operational improvements to the entrance and exit ramps as well as other intersection improvements to Northridge Road at Dunwoody Place, Northridge Road at Roberts Drive, and Northridge Road at Somerset Court. The project includes replacing the existing bridge with the new bridge, incorporating both pedestrian access and bike lanes in both directions. Operational improvements include additional signage for the northbound exit ramp from GA 400 and an additional lane on Northridge Road from SR 400 northbound to Dunwoody Place to accommodate improved traffic flow.

The \$9.3 million project is scheduled to be completed September 30, 2015 and the contractor is C. W. Matthews Contracting Co.

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